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FOREWORD

SEVERAL years ago at the General Conference our women adopted the following resolution:

"As women of the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination we desire to do our humble part in the evangelization of the world, and the promotion of the Bible Sabbath."

This short, simple statement embodies the vital points in our Christian service today.

In the following pages of this leaflet an attempt is made to set forth briefly and clearly the relation of the Woman's Board to the other agencies in the denomination, and an outline of its particular work.

We have hoped every society in the denomination might be visited this year by the associational secretary or some other representative of the Board in the interests of the special work of the women's societies. We are looking forward to the time when we can support a secretary, who can devote much of her time to visiting among the societies, and who may also be able to get in touch with many of the women lone Sabbath-keepers.

If any local society does not now have a special committee for the purpose, may not each society make some sort of definite arrangements for writing regularly to all non-resident women church members, whether they are members of the society or not. Write cheerful, hopeful, loving letters. You can not estimate the good such letters may do. With God's blessing they may prove to be real home mission evangelists.



MISS SUSIE M. BURDICK
Shanghai, China

Miss Burdick went out as a missionary to Shanghai, China, first in 1889. She has been home several times for brief periods of rest, and is now, 1921, in America for a furlough, her home address being Alfred N. Y.

She has been connected all the time with the work of the Girls' School at our mission in Shanghai, as superintendent and teacher. She has also had charge of day school work both within and outside the mission proper.

She has given special attention to the girls after they have left the school, visiting them in their homes and keeping in sympathetic and loving touch with them, thus helping them in many ways, directing them to the service of Jesus Christ.

It was the Woman's Board that first sent Miss Burdick to Shanghai for this work, and all the time it has been responsible for her salary, and has raised the funds, sending them through the Missionary Society. In a very definite way her work has been and is the work of the Woman's Board.

THE WOMAN'S EXECUTIVE BOARD

SINCE the organization of the Woman's Board it has been its province to act as a helpmeet to the other boards and societies of the denomination, hence the Forward Movement, which is but the denomination going forward through its various boards and societies, does not bring to it any essentially new duties. To co-operate fully, however, we too must catch the thrill of new life and be ready to move forward.

There are at least three definite ways in which the woman's societies of the local churches may help the Forward Movement.

First, they may help spread the information about the aims and work of the movement which is the foundation of all intelligent co-operation in its activities.

Second, they may help in raising the funds to carry forward the work.

Third, they may be important factors in the social life of the church, serving to hold the young people, and to bind the entire membership together in bonds of common interest.

INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES

KNOWLEDGE of the aims of the Forward Movement is fundamental to its success, and the local societies may do much to disseminate this knowledge. To know the needs of the mission fields prompts giving to these fields as nothing else will do. The Executive Board have prepared a set of slides on home mission fields with descriptive matter to accompany them. These may be used by any local society having a lantern available for showing them, the only expense being that of transportation. In these days when so many pictures of educational and religious value are available every church should possess a lantern, and in case a church is lacking one, the local aid society would be doing the church a real service in supplying one.



MISS ANNA M. WEST
Shanghai, China

In 1911 the work of the Girls' School in Shanghai received a greatly needed help in the sending of Miss Anna M. West as a teacher and assistant principal. In the absence of Miss Burdick she is at the head of the school.

Miss West was in America for her first furlough in 1918-1919. At that time she spent several months in special study for her work in New York City. She also visited among the churches, presenting the interests of missions, and especially those of the Girls' School.

On her return to China she was accompanied by her widowed mother, Mrs. Leman L. West, who has become a member of the mission. Her sister, Miss Mabel L. West, is now also a member of the mission, supported by the kindness and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Trainer, of Salem, W. Va.

The Woman's Board makes an annual contribution to the Missionary Society to meet the salary of Miss West, and therefore justly has the honor as well as the responsibility of her work as a missionary.

Many societies are asking what they can do in mission and denominational study. Here is a help: These slides may be used for a series of meetings or for one or more programs as seems best. The slides showing the conditions in the great southwestern field, with its hundreds of children who have no church privileges, are especially appealing. The descriptive matter is written by Mrs. T. J. Van Horn who is thoroughly conversant with conditions there.

Another set of slides now in the hands of the board is that prepared sometime ago by David E. Titsworth of Plainfield, N. J., for the General Conference program at Alfred. It is called "Heroes of the Faith" and consists of a series of pictures of men and women who have been laborers in our Seventh Day Baptist vineyard, our denominational leaders of the past. Their presentation in our different churches and societies will help to link the past with the present and will lend impetus and inspiration to the Forward Movement.

To societies that have no lantern available we would recommend studies from the *Sabbath Recorder* where various forward steps are discussed and recorded in the reports of the meetings of the various boards and in letters from the Forward Movement director. In fact, all societies whether having a lantern or not, would be much profited by the use of such material.

For historical work, much may be gleaned from the conference minutes of past years and the History of Seventh Day Baptists. The corresponding secretary or the president of the board will gladly correspond with any society wishing suggestions along the line of denominational studies.



MISS MARIE JANSZ
Pangoengsen, Tajoe, Java

Sister Marie Jansz is a Seventh Day Baptist missionary, born in Java of European parents who were sent from Holland as Christian missionaries during the last century.

For many years she has managed a work of her own establishment among the poor and sick, especially of the Javanese, although there are a few Europeans at times in her colony.

The mission property consists of a farm of several acres with buildings for homes, school, work-shops, hospital, etc. Many of the people are too infirm or ill to do any work, and so while the farm and the work-shops yield a small income, and the people are taught useful occupations, it is not self-supporting.

The Woman's Board makes an annual appropriation of \$100.00 which is sent through the Missionary Society for this work of Sister Jansz, and many of the women of the denomination, either as individuals or through their local society, make other contributions.

The work has the full confidence of the Board, and attention is called to the interesting letters which are published in the "Sabbath Recorder" from time to time.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

With reference to the financial part of the work our budget for the year is as follows,

Salary of Miss Susie M. Burdick, Shanghai.....	\$ 800 00
Salary of Miss Anna M. West, Shanghai.....	800 00
Toward salary of Dr. Bessie B. Sinclair, Lieu-oo.....	100 00
Miss Marie Jansz, Java.....	100 00
Evangelistic work in Southwestern Association.....	250 00
Georgetown Chapel, British Guiana.....	200 00
Fouke School, Fouke, Ark.....	200 00
Boys' School, Shanghai, China.....	100 00
Girls' School, Shanghai, China.....	100 00
Twentieth Century Endowment Fund.....	300 00
Tract Society.....	900 00
Retired Ministers' Fund.....	250 00
Board Expense Fund.....	200 00
	\$4,300 00

Comparing this with the budget for last year it will be seen that the real forward steps of this year are the contributions to the Georgetown chapel and to our mission schools in Shanghai, these being in line with the Forward Movement.

The Girls' School in Shanghai naturally makes a strong appeal to the women of the denomination and it seems fitting that they should take upon themselves the payment of the salaries of the two missionary teachers, Miss Burdick and Miss West. It is a source of congratulation that two of the girl graduates of that school are now in this country studying to fit themselves for further usefulness in their native land. They are Eling Waung, Dr. Palmborg's adopted daughter, now studying in Milton College, and Miss Helen Su, who is taking a nurse's training course at Battle Creek Sanitarium.

Aside from the money raised by the local societies for the objects here specified, which, with the exception of the Twentieth Century Endowment Fund, which is not named in the Forward Movement Budget, should in all cases be paid through the local church treasurer, many societies find it necessary to help the local church still further in making up its quota for the general budget. How they are to do this is left entirely to each society



GROUP AT BECK'S PRAIRIE, OKLA.

This is a picture taken in the summer of 1918 in front of the school house at Beck's Prairie, Okla., about ten miles west of Gentry, Ark. It was taken at the time that Rev. and Mrs. Theodore J. Van Horn were living in a tent near the school house, and were conducting a religious day school, a singing school, and evening evangelistic meetings. This represents a group of mothers and small children, Mrs. Van Horn's "cradle roll".

The Woman's Board has an item in its budget for work in the Southwest, in places like that shown in the picture.

to decide. Some do it by earning money through sales and suppers and entertainments, and others by direct contributions from the members. Local conditions must decide these things, but if the societies will make use of their own column in the *Sabbath Recorder* for exchange of plans much benefit may result. In the matter of raising funds let us not forget that the most effectual of all means is that of practicing tithing. Our local societies can do no better service than to promote tithing in every way. Were it in general practice our financial difficulties would be solved.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

AS the social life of the home depends largely upon the woman in the home so the women of the church have an important part in the social life of the church. Each meeting of our local societies should radiate Christian friendship and sociability, and strong effort should be made to bring every woman of the church within the radius of its friendly activities. Sociability plays a large part in making a united church and it is the united church that will bring things to pass in the way of forward activities. The women of the church may take the lead in other social affairs not connected with their own society. In "home comings", in sociables, etc., keeping alive the social life of the church.

One of the forward movements of the Conference of 1920 was the appointment of a member of the Young People's Board on the Woman's Board, and an appointment of a member of the Woman's Board to act with the Young People's Board. Let us make real and vital this connection by taking active interest in the young people. Let the local societies of women help to furnish a wholesome social life for them by entertaining them and by opening their homes to them for their own social affairs, realizing that providing the young with wholesome sociability within the folds of the church is a vital point in solving the problem of holding our own and going forward.



LITTLE PRAIRIE, ARK., CHURCH BUILDING

This is a picture of the Little Prairie Seventh Day Baptist Church near Nady and Tichnor, Ark., both places being country post offices at some distance from the railroad.

This field is one which presents many difficulties and hardships, but at the same time many opportunities and prospects for growth and development in the work of the Lord.

At the present time Mr. and Mrs. Columbus C. Van Horn and son, Marion, a lad of about ten year, are located on this field as leaders in Christian work.

The Woman's Board is helping by making a financial contribution to the work of the Missionary Society in the Southwest Field, of which Little Prairie is a part.

These things we may do as societies but the task is not finished there. As individual Seventh Day Baptist women we have the great privilege by personal work of promoting the spiritual life of the church, by attending the prayer meetings, upholding the Sabbath schools, by encouraging the movement for vacation religious day schools, by maintaining family worship, and by praying that our young people may be led to fit themselves for leadership in the church of the future.

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GIRLS' SCHOOL, SHANGHAI, CHINA

The writer of this paragraph well remembers the exultant glory that shone in the face of Miss Mary E. Bailey, the first secretary of the Woman's Board, when she announced that Miss Susie M. Burdick had favorably responded to the call of the Board to go as a teacher in our mission work at Shanghai.

The wives of our missionaries had always conducted schools, but after Miss Nelson married, and ceased her work with the mission, there was great need of a permanent teacher. From that time till now the work of the Girls' School at our mission in China has been very largely fostered and supported by the Woman's Board.

This picture of the girls at the school was taken several years ago. A new building and better equipments are very much needed at the present time, and a full response to the Forward Movement program will provide these advantages in a few years.



HELEN SU AND ELING WAUNG

Miss Helen Su is taking a course in the Nurses' Training School in the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich. She is a graduate of our Girls' School in Shanghai, and is preparing for work in our hospital at Lieu-oo.

Miss Eling Waung is the adopted daughter of Dr. Rosa W. Palmborg. She too is a graduate of the Girls' School. She is now attending school at Milton College, and plans to return in the autumn of 1922 with Dr. Palmborg and Miss Su, as a teacher in our mission school work.

MESSAGE FROM THE WOMAN'S BOARD

DEAR SISTERS:

It was said of Luther that on his busiest days he spent three hours in prayer that he might be able to accomplish his work.

If it was necessary for our Savior to spend whole nights in prayer, how much more do we need to give much time to prayer for the things that are so vital to us as a denomination.

A special committee was appointed by the Missionary Board to prepare a list of needed workers. You will find their report in the *Recorder* of January 31st, page 142.

Will you pray daily and definitely, by name as they occur to you.

First, for twenty young people for training for pastoral service;

Second, for at least two missionaries for the cause in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana;

Third, for the great Southwest, at least two more missionaries to be engaged there as soon as possible;

Fourth, for two missionaries for the Pacific Coast.

Fifth, for a man and his wife, who have an understanding of the Spanish language, to go to Argentina;

Sixth, for two more in training to go to the help of Mr. Spencer in British Guiana; and

Seventh, for a Field Secretary.

Very sincerely yours in behalf of the Woman's Board,

METTA P. BABCOCK,

Secretary.

Milton, Wis.,

March 11, 1921.